

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Installation Microchip Program on Army Installations in Hawaii

1. Purpose. To provide information to Service Members, Family Members, and Organizations on the installation microchip program on Army installations in Hawaii.

2. Facts.

a. Effective 1 October 2004, all cats and dogs kept on 25th ID & USARHAW installations in Hawaii are required to have an identification microchip implanted under their skin.

b. Cats and dogs processed through the Hawaii Quarantine Facility for the shortened animal quarantine time are required to have a microchip implanted prior to arrival in Hawaii. This requirement is consistent with established State of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture Administrative Rules on animal identification and registration.

c. A microchip is a small device implanted under the animal's skin, which provides an identification number used to locate the animal's registered address and owner.

d. Microchipping allows for instantaneous animal and owner identification should a pet become lost or abandoned on an Army installation in Hawaii. The procedure incurs a one-time expense (\$15 for microchip and registration fee with a national database and \$2 user fee).

e. Owners must register their pets that are 16 weeks of age or older with the City & County of Honolulu and with the applicable Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) at Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter within 14 days after arrival on post.

f. On the initial screening by the VTF, if the pet does not have a microchip, the VTF will inform the client of the installation's microchip policy.

g. Upon notification by the VTF, the pet owner has ninety days to comply with the installation policy. If corrective action is not taken by the pet owner, the Oahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB) will take appropriate administrative action through the Service Member's chain of command resulting in pet privileges terminated until the Service Member's Date Eligible to Return from Overseas (DEROS) or unless directed by the OBSB commander. Furthermore, the Service Member may be subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

h. The VTF is located at Building 936, Duck Road, Schofield Barracks and at Building 435, Pierce Road, Fort Shafter.

i. Additional information about responsible pet ownership on Army installations in Hawaii can be found in 25th ID & USARHAW Pamphlet 210-5.